

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7: Canceled.

Claim 8 (New) : A device for cleaning a hollow vessel that has a narrow neck at the top and below it a radially widened cavity, comprising:

a handle;  
a cleaning head that can be passed through the narrow neck of the hollow vessel and consisting of an extensively rigid loop of elastic material that extends in an insertion direction, said loop being covered with a cleaning material and bending outward when hitting a bottom of the hollow vessel, and resting against the bottom and walls of the hollow vessel when doing bent, adapting to their contour, and wherein the loop consists of a flat plastic strip that is connected with the cleaning material, and the loop has a greater bending resistance in

regions subject to less bending stress, said regions of less bending stress being located adjacent the handle, than in regions subject to greater bending stress, said regions of greater bending stress being located toward a lower end of the loop, and wherein the plastic strip is configured in two or more layers in the regions of greater bending resistance and in one layer in the region subject to greater bending stress.

Claim 9 (New) : The device according to claim 8, wherein the cleaning material is configured as a removable sleeve pulled over the plastic strip.

Claim 10 (New) : The device according to claim 9, wherein the cleaning material is provided, on the outside, with textile fibers having a scrubbing effect.

Claim 11 (New) : The device according to claim 9, wherein the cleaning material is provided, on the outside, with textile fibers having a drying effect.

Claim 12 (New) : The device according to claim 8, wherein  
the loop is configured in three layers in the regions subject to  
less bending stress, in two layers in a region of intermediate  
bending bending stress, and in one layer in the region subject to  
greater bending stress.